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Program Summary

Grant Amount: \$3,799,935

Program Period: Aug. 28, 2008 – Aug. 27, 2011

Geographic Coverage: 22 departments total of which six priority departments include Antioquia, Norte Santander, Nariño, Caquetá, Cauca, Meta

Number of Beneficiaries: 600 landmine survivors, 60,890 total including indirect beneficiaries and other including PWDs

Partner Organizations: Main Partner - Campaña Colombiana Contra Minas (CCCM); Other Partners and Cooperation Organizations - International Committee of the Red Cross; Corporación Paz y Democracia; Hospital Universitario de Nariño; Hospital María Inmaculada; Servicio Nacional de Aprendizaje (SENA); Universidad Don Bosco (El Salvador)

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Executive Summary & Key Achievements

This quarter Mercy Corps and Campaña Colombiana Contra Minas (CCCM) served nearly 6,000 vulnerable Colombians through the implementation of integrated rehabilitation, socio-economic integration and public policy advocacy activities. The Program team provided orientation on rights, integrated medical assistance and psychosocial support to landmine survivor families, 22 new survivors and comprehensive follow-up assistance¹ to an additional 19 survivors from past quarters. Key progress made between July and September, 2010 towards Program Objectives and Results are summarized below.

Among the major achievements this quarter was the inauguration of the Distance Prosthetics and Orthotics Technologist Course. The training, which benefits thirty (30) P&O technicians from nine departments, will facilitate assistance to at least 20,000 persons with disabilities who need prosthetic and/or orthotic devices. The course was facilitated and coordinated by technical support from the Universidad Don Bosco and SENA.

Another important activity this quarter was the training of 100 community members in Nariño and Norte de Santander departments with Community First Aid Workshops. This activity engaged health authorities in both departments that allowed the establishment of pre-hospital evacuation routes for patients (landmine or other injuries) in each community.

There were numerous socio-economic re-integration activities this quarter, highlighted by evaluations with 51 survivors in the departments of Cauca and Nariño. Thirteen disbursements of seed capital were carried out for landmine survivor participants from the departments of Norte de Santander, and socio-economic re-integration coordination activities took place in Nariño, Meta, Norte de Santander and Cauca with CCCM and the Mercy Corps' Socio-Economic Integration Coordinator.

¹ Follow – up support was provided for legal processes and document filing to facilitate survivor access to humanitarian aid and reparations from Fosyga, arrangement of medical appointments and orientation regarding how to access non-rehabilitation humanitarian and medical services.

Acronyms

Acción Social	Social Action Program of the Presidency of the Republic of Colombia
ACIN	Asociación de Cabildos Indígenas del Norte del Cauca
CCCM	Colombian Campaign against Mines (Campaña Colombiana Contra Minas)
COP	Colombian Pesos
ERW	Explosive Remnants of War
FARC	Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia
FOSYGA	Social Solidarity Guarantee Fund
GOC	Government of Colombia
HUDN	University Hospital of Nariño
ICBF	Colombian Family Welfare Institute
ICRC	International Committee of the Red Cross
IDP	Internally Displaced Person
INGO	International Non-Governmental Organization
ISPO	International Society for Prosthetics and Orthotics
MC	Mercy Corps
NGO	Non-Governmental Organization
OAS	Organization for American States
PAICMA	Presidential Program for Integrated Action against Antipersonnel Mines
P&O	Prosthetic and Orthotic
PWD	Persons with Disabilities
SENA	National Learning Service
UN	United Nations
USAID	United States Agency for International Development
UXO	Unexploded Ordinance

1. Indicators

1.1. Leahy Fund Indicators for this quarter

Table 1: Key Q4FY_10 and Cumulative Indicator Leahy Fund Achievements
01 July to 30 September 2010

Indicator	2009 Cumm.	Achievements Q4FY'10	Cumulative 2010	2009-2010 Cumm.
Number of persons trained	420	0	292	712
Number of persons served	4.225	1.637	5.952	10.177
Number of institutions strengthened	0	28	58	58

1.2. US Mission Indicators for this Quarter

Table 2: Achievements 01 July to 30 September 2010

Performance Indicators	LoP Goal	2010 (AWP target)	2009 Cumm.	Q4 FY'10	Q4(AWP Target)	Q4 AWP Goal %	Cumm. 2010	2010 / AWP target %	2009-2010 Cumm.	% Cumm./LoP Adj
1. Vulnerable persons benefited	17.160	5.592	2.724	234	5.373	4,4%	9.177	164,1%	11.901	69,4%
IDPs benefitted	-	0	0	94	0	n.a	303	n.a	303	n.a
Landmine survivors benefitted	600	164	350	234	0	n.a	554	337,8%	904	150,7%
Other persons with disabilities	16.560	5.428	2.374	0	5.373	0,0%	8.623	158,9%	11	66,4%
Afro-Colombians assisted	18	8	18	42	0	n.a	42	525,0%	60	333,3%
Indigenous assisted	18	8	18	49	0	n.a	56	700,0%	74	411,1%
2. Socio-Economic reintegration	370	208	75	0	25	1,5%	121	58,4%	196	53,1%
Jobs created	175	88	25	0	25	1,5%	105	119,8%	130	74,5%
Jobs strengthened	195	120	50	0	0	n.a	16	13,3%	66	33,8%
Beneficiaries graduating from vocational training	33	15	0	6	0	n.a	6	40,0%	6	18,2%

Beneficiaries with access to education	85	32	21	0	0	n.a	0	0,0%	21	24,7%
3. Health	38.209	14.464	36.496	3.600	5.373	67,0%	14.188	98,1%	50.684	132,6%
Beneficiaries with access to health care	534	200	150	306	158	193,7%	391	195,5%	541	101,3%
Beneficiaries with access to rehabilitation services (survivors + family members + other persons with disabilities)**	38.209	14.464	36.496	3.600	5.373	67,0%	14.188	98,1%	50.684	132,6%
4. Public Policy	720	240	240	0	0	n.a	215	89,6%	455	63,2%
Persons benefited from institutional strengthening	720	240	240	0	0	n.a	215	89,6%	455	63,2%
5. Other Indicators										
Private sector funds leveraged (US \$000) *(1)	-	-	-	0	0	n.a	108	n.a	108	n.a
Public Sector funds leveraged (US \$000)	-	-	-	15	0	n.a	15	n.a	15	n.a
Women beneficiaries	2.768	1.003	592	517	0	n.a	1.612	160,7%	2.204	79,6%
Men beneficiaries	10.397	170	10.071	1.120	0	n.a	4.308	2534,1%	14.379	138,3%
Children beneficiaries	2.768	1.003	592	0	0	n.a	522	52,0%	1.114	40,2%
People trained	1.890	630	420	0	0	n.a	292	46,3%	712	37,7%

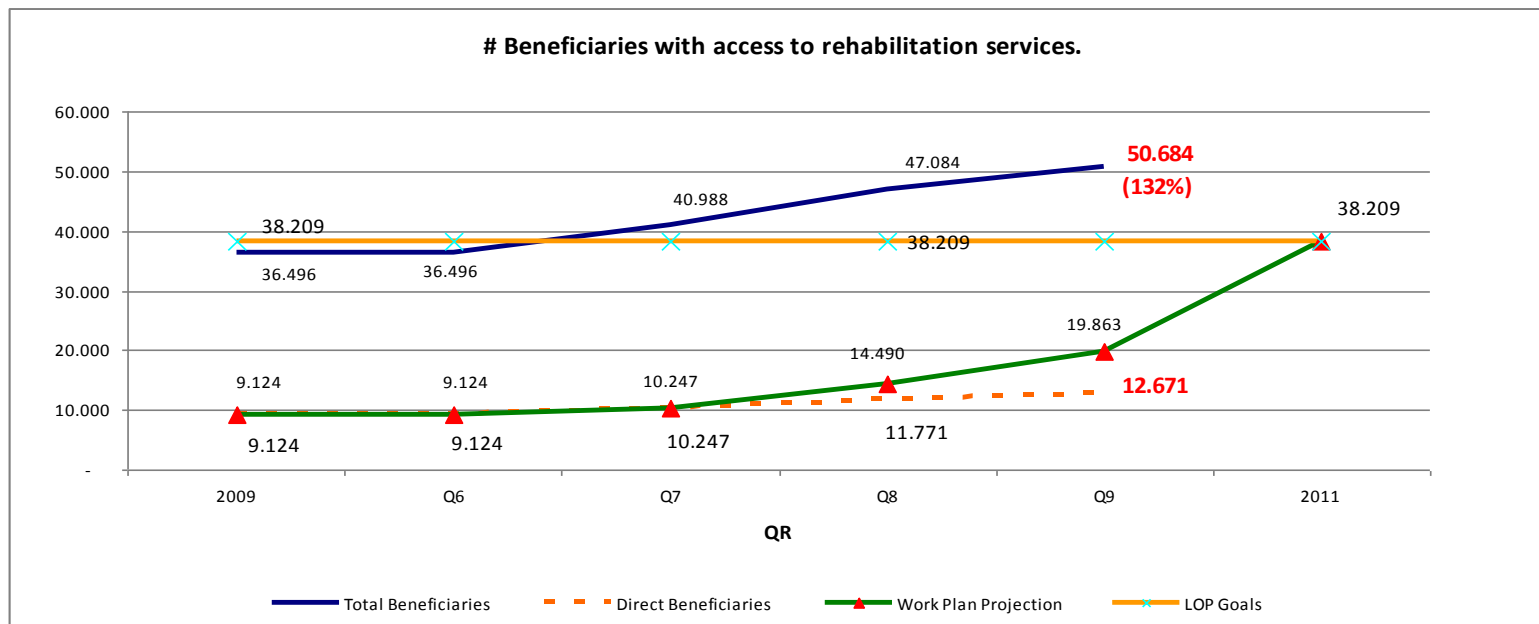
*(1) TRM: 1,850

**The calculation of this indicator is the projection of direct beneficiaries (Rehabilitation Center), multiplied by the average family size (4 people)

1.3. Program Indicators for this Quarter

Indicator	Description of Indicator	LoP Goal	Achievements Q4 FY'10	Cumulative 2009-2010	% of Adjusted LoP
1	Number of persons from mine/armed conflict affected communities that increase their capacity as first responders to mines/UXO and other ERW related emergencies.	630	100	298	47%
2	Number of landmine survivors, people with disabilities, and other victims of armed conflict who access rehabilitation services at the two new rehabilitation centers established in Caquetá and Nariño.	38.209	3.600	50.684	133%
3	Number of health care staff employed by the Hospital Maria Inmaculada and Hospital Universitario de Nariño rehabilitation centers that have been trained in specific needs of beneficiaries and that provide assistance.	30	9	39	130%
4	Number of Colombian P&O technicians trained and certified as Cat II technicians by ISPO.	30	30	30	100%
5	SENA has the technical capacity and suitable methodologies to train new P&O technicians that comply with International quality standards by ISPO.	3	1	4	133%

6	Number of socioeconomic working groups established and coordinating activities in order to strengthen socioeconomic initiatives with landmine survivors.	6	0	4	67%
7	Number of landmine survivors and their families that access income generation initiatives that improve their quality of life.	300	0	43	14%
8	Number of Departmental Committees for Integrated Mine Action that have defined work plans and information flowcharts for integrated assistance to landmine survivors and advocacy related to mine action public policies.	6	1	5	83%
9	Number of health care providers that improve management practices thereby increasing access to health care and rehabilitation services to landmine survivors, victims of armed conflict and other people with disabilities.	6	1	6	100%



2. Progress Towards Objectives

Program Objectives are outlined below with progress made between July 1st and September 30th, 2010 by Result and Activity.

Objective 1: Landmine survivors, victims of armed conflict and other persons with disabilities in the departments of Antioquia, Caquetá, Cauca, Meta, Nariño and Norte de Santander have better quality and access to rehabilitation services by the end of the Program (Sept. 2011)

Result 1.1 220 leaders from landmine and conflict-affected communities in Nariño (110 beneficiaries) and Norte de Santander (110 beneficiaries) have increased capacity as emergency first responders.

Activity 1.1.1. *Improve capacity to respond to emergencies caused by landmines, IE's, UXO's and other explosive remnants of war, through participatory First Aid workshops with mine/armed conflict-affected communities in the Nariño and Norte de Santander departments.*

During this reporting period, Mercy Corps and the Colombian Campaign Against Landmines (CCCM) completed the first phase of Community First Aid Workshops in the departments of Norte de Santander and Nariño. The completion of four (4) workshops was achieved through the prior consultation process carried out in both departments. The Peace and Democracy Corporation provided the logistical support for the implementation of this activity.

Norte de Santander

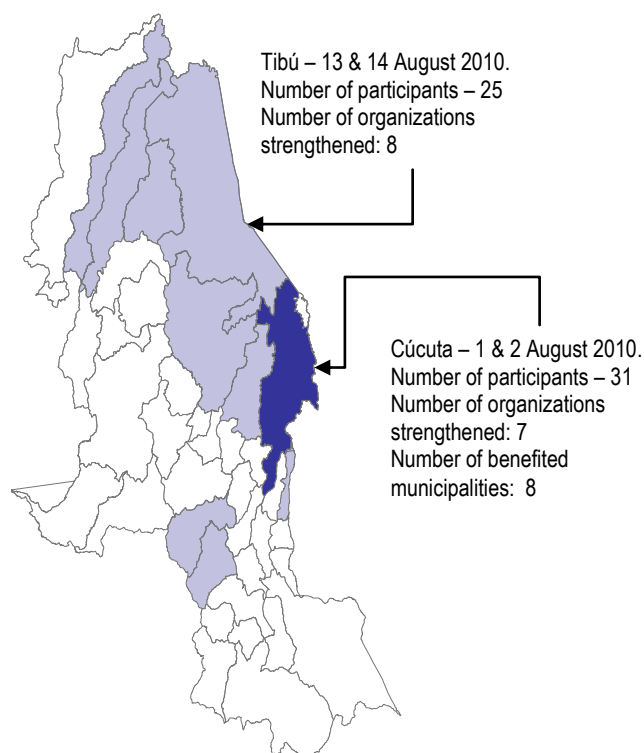
Two Community First Aid Workshops were held in the cities of Cúcuta and Tibú, with the participation of 56 beneficiaries from ten municipalities representing 11 organizations.

✓ Workshop No. 1 – Cúcuta

As described in previous reports, regional and municipal authorities have actively participated in the preparation of the workshops in Norte de Santander, in order to ensure relevance of content and participation of key community members in highly affected areas with precarious access to this kind of training. Once agreements were reached with the Departmental Institute of Health in May and June 2010, representatives worked together with Mercy Corps and CCCM to review the participant profiles from each of the municipalities that would hold workshops, prepared a budget for travel expenses, and contacted participants through institutional channels. This process allowed participation to be targeted according to the needs of each municipality and community.

The workshop was held on August 2-3, 2010, at the Departmental Institute of Health. Thirty-one community members from the municipalities of Arboledas, Cúcuta, Cucutilla, El Zulia, Teorama, Tibú, Villacaro and Sardinata were trained and the following institutions were strengthened during the event:

- Departmental Institute of Health – 3 officers
- Emergencies' Regulation Center (CRUE) – 2 officers
- Hospital Erasmo Meoz-Cúcuta – 2 officers
- El Zulia Hospital – 1 officer
- Colombian Red Cross Norte de Santander – 2 officers
- El Zulia Mayor's Office – 2 officers



Map 1. Municipalities benefited by First Aid Workshops in Norte de Santander. Cartography: UNOCHA

- Sardinata Mayor's Office – 2 officers

Eighteen (18) participants took part from landmine and conflict-affected communities such as Astilleros and La Ye (El Zulia), La India and Aserrio (Teorama), La Gabarra, Filo Gringo (Tibú), Luis Vero and La Victoria (Sardinata).

The workshop agenda included the following items:

1. Local routes for evacuation and assistance to landmine victims
2. First Aid basic knowledge
3. Landmine accident simulations – evaluation of practices, attitudes and knowledge.
4. Simulation results evaluation
5. Design of local evacuation and assistance routes
6. Action Plan proposals

✓ **Workshop No. 2 – Tibú**

Following the same coordination preparations described for Workshop No.1 in Cúcuta, Mercy Corps and its partners, the CCCM and the Corporation for Peace and Democracy conducted the second workshop for Norte de Santander, in the municipality of Tibú, in the Catatumbo region. The workshop was held on August 13-14 at the Tibú Municipal Hospital. Twenty-five community members from the municipalities of Convención, Cúcuta, El Zulia, El Tarra, Tibú (La Gabarra, Petrolea, Pachelly and Campo Dos) and Villacaró were trained. The following institutions were also strengthened during the event:

- Departmental Institute of Health– 3 officers
- Emergency Regulation Center (CRUE) – 2 officers
- Tibú Mayor's Office – 2 officers
- El Tarra Mayor's Office – 2 officers

Nariño

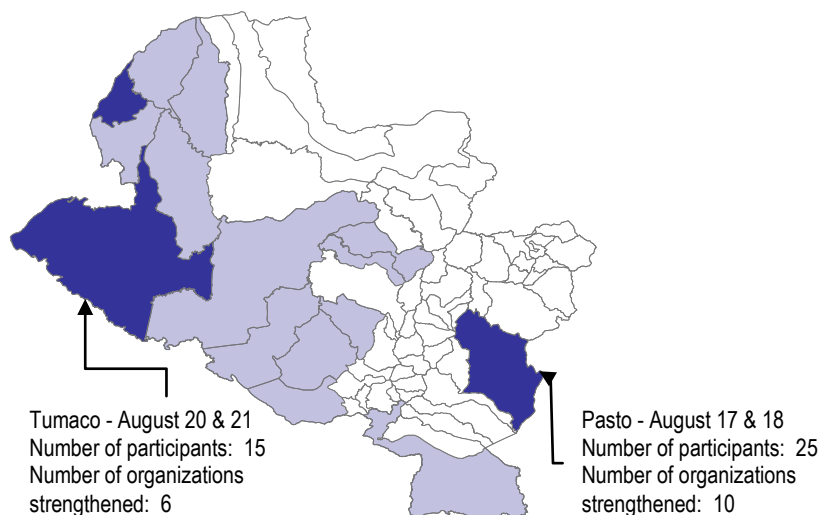
Two Community First Aid Workshops were implemented in the cities of Pasto and Tumaco, with the participation of 40 beneficiaries from 22 municipalities representing 10 organizations.

✓ **Workshop No. 1 – Pasto**

Mercy Corps and the CCCM worked with the Governor's Office and the Nariño Health Institute in May and June to coordinate logistics, identify participant profiles and select landmine and conflict-affected communities to attend the workshops.

The workshop was held on August 17-18 2010, at the Departmental Institute of Health. Twenty-five community members attended from the municipalities of Pasto, Ipiales, La Llanada, Cumbal, Ricaurte, Los Andes and Santa Cruz. First Aid skills were strengthened among members of the following organizations during the workshop:

- Departmental Institute of Health– 3 officers
- Emergency Regulation Center (CRUE) – 3 officers
- Civil Defense Corps – 2 officers
- Fire Department – 2 officers
- Colombian Coffee Growers Federation – 2 officers
- Social Pastoral – 2 officers
- Nariño Governor's Office – 1 Officer



Map 2. Municipalities benefitted by First aid Workshops in Nariño.
Cartography: UNOCHA

- CCCM – 1 Officer
- La Llanada Mayor's Office – 1 Officer
- Sotomayor Mayor's Officer – 1 Officer

The workshop agenda included the following items:

1. Basic information about landmines
2. Local routes for evacuation and assistance to landmine victims
3. First Aid basic knowledge
4. Landmine accident simulation – evaluation of practices, attitudes and knowledge.
5. Simulation results evaluation
6. Design of local evacuation and assistance routes
7. Action Plan proposals

✓ Workshop No. 2 – Tumaco

The second first aid workshop took place in the city of Tumaco, on the Pacific Coast of Nariño from August 20-21, 2010. Fifteen (15) participants, representing the municipalities of Tumaco, Barbacoas, Francisco Pizarro, Roberto Payán, Mosquera, Olaya Herrera and Mallama participated. The First Aid skills of members of the following organizations were strengthened during the workshop:

- Departmental Institute of Health– 3 officers
- Emergency Regulation Center (CRUE) – 3 officers
- Tumaco Mayor's Officer – 1 officer
- Barbacoas Hospital – 1 Officer
- Mallama's Mayor Office – 1 Officer
- Olaya Herrera Mayor Office – 1 Officer

In both Norte de Santander and Nariño, special groups of “multipliers” were trained to replicate the First Aid training in their municipalities. Three members of the Norte de Santander Health Department with previous knowledge in First Aid were specifically trained to perform this activity. In Nariño, a group of three multipliers was also established with members from the Nariño Health Institute, Tumaco municipal hospital and CCCM's Nariño departmental coordinator.

A challenge faced with this activity is ensuring continuity and follow-up by including these types of workshops in the Annual Health Sector Operative Plans – POA – of each department. Additionally, it is crucial to keep the Ministry of Social Protection and other local health authorities strongly involved both during the preparation and implementation phases, as well as for monitoring and evaluation. However, these requirements are complicated by the difficult security and access to beneficiary communities, small budgets and the limited follow-up capacity shown by national and local actors.

Main tasks & results this quarter:

DEPT	TASK	RESULT
Nariño	First Aid Workshop No. 1 Date: 17 – 18 August 2010 Place: Pasto, Nariño – Nariño Health Institute	Number of participants: 25 Strengthened organizations: 10 Number of attending municipalities: 7 Number of trained multipliers: 3
	First Aid Workshop No. 2 Date: 20 – 21 August 2010 Place: Tumaco, Nariño – Tumaco's Hospital	Number of participants: 15 Strengthened organizations: 6 Number of attending municipalities: 7 Number of trained multipliers: 3

Norte de Santander	First Aid Workshop No. 1 Date: 2 – 3 August 2010 Place: Cúcuta, Norte de Santander – Norte de Santander's Health Institute	Number of participants: 31 Strengthened organizations: 7 Number of attending municipalities: 8 Number of trained multipliers: 3
	First Aid Workshop No. 2 Date: 13 – 14 August 2010 Place: Tibú, Tibú's Municipal Hospital	Number of participants: 25 Strengthened organizations: 4 Number of attending municipalities: 6 Number of trained multipliers: 3



Photo 1. First Aid Workshop. Tibú, Norte de Santander. August 2010.



Photo 1. First Aid Workshop. Tibú, Norte de Santander. August 2010.

Result 1.2 Departments of Nariño and Caquetá have Rehabilitation centers that provide integral, efficient and high quality services to landmine Survivors, victims of armed conflict and other persons with disabilities.

Twenty-two persons where injured or died due to landmine accidents in the six priority departments during this reporting period

Dept.	Total new victims	Men	Women	Boys	Girls	Afro-descen.	Peasants	Indigenous	Erradicators	Death	Injured
Antioquia	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3
Caquetá	7	6	0	1	0	0	7	0	0	0	7
Cauca	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Meta	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nariño	6	5	0	1	0	1	1	0	4	1	5
N.Santander	6	6	0	0	0	0	2	0	4	0	6
Totals	22	20	0	2	0	1	10	0	11	1	21

Activity 1.2.1. *Finalize the adaptation and equipment process at the Hospital Universitario Departamental de Nariño – HUDN, with safety and quality criteria, with emphasis on the hydrotherapy and proprioception areas.*

In September 2010, Engineers Bureau Lloreda, Pineda & Asociados finished the study for the heating system at the hydrotherapy area of the Nariño's Rehabilitation center. The study presents a sustainable, environmentally-friendly

system that will ensure the most effective use of existing energy at the Hospital, and will generate savings of over US\$ 50,000 per year. The study extensively and thoroughly explains the current use of available energy according to the needs and conditions of the Hospital.

The Lloreda-Pineda engineering study informed the design of the system at a cost of US\$ 125,000. Mercy Corps' estimated budget will not be sufficient to cover the costs for the heating system design and installation. However, Mercy Corps will hand over the completed study to the Hospital and will support efforts to identify financing for the project. Mercy Corps is also willing to provide a portion of USAID resources needed for the completion of a project phase.

Activity 1.2.2. *Building and equipment of the Rehabilitation Center at Hospital María Inmaculada - HMI of Florencia, Caquetá.*

In order to optimize services to landmine victims, other vulnerable populations and people with disabilities, Mercy Corps implemented a training and monitoring strategy with the María Inmaculada Hospital. The strategy included the following activities:

1. Training on the use and care of equipment: On July 21 - 23, the equipment provider FISIOMÉDICA trained four (4) rehabilitation center members on the use and care of the traction table donated to the Center. The sessions included theory and practice related to the most common uses of the equipment.
2. Training on the assistance of landmine victims and other vulnerable populations: given the frequent complaints by users and the evident lack of knowledge on basic needs of landmine survivors, Mercy Corps held a one day training with the Hospital staff including members of the Scientific Administrative Office, the Finance and Accounting Office, the Biomedics Unit, the maintenance unit and rehabilitation staff.

The training permitted the identification of needs that have arisen since the opening of the center, such as specialized training in hydrotherapy, clear mechanisms to link patients to the Social Security System and suitable methods to facilitate the services and adaptation of orthopedic devices and technical aids.

3. Monitoring visits: Mercy Corps' Health and Rehabilitation Coordinator undertook two monitoring visits that complemented daily support activities led made by the CCCM Coordinator in the field.

Result 1.3. Increased national capacity to provide quality prosthetic and orthotic services, according to international standards.

Activity 1.3.1. *Training of 30 P&O technicians from the departments of Antioquia, Caquetá, Cauca, Meta, Nariño and Norte de Santander through on-line distance courses.*

This activity received the majority of the Mercy Corps team effort and attention this reporting period. In June and July 2010, Mercy Corps evaluated all of the technical and administrative needs for the implementation of the training. Due to recommendations made by ISPO to Universidad Don Bosco (UDB), the initially estimated timeframe for the training was increased to thirteen months. Therefore, budgets and timelines had to be modified with USAID approval, and a cost extension was also requested, which will be confirmed with USAID before the end of 2010.

In July, Mercy Corps and UDB reviewed online P&O course content and timelines according to recommendations from ISPO made to the UDB and Mercy Corps.

FINAL SCHEDULE
ON-LINE DISTANCE COURSE PROSTHETIC AND ORTHOTIC TECHNICIANS

	No. Days	Starting Date	End Date
Preparation of Training Program	22 days	12/08/2010	30/06/2010
Presentation of Candidates to University	30 days	09/09/2010	11/08/2010
Analysis of Candidate documentation	20 days	23/09/2010	08/09/2010

Delivery of Acceptance letters	10 days	27/09/2010	22/09/2010
Information and preparation meeting	1 day	04/10/2010	23/09/2010
Introductory Seminar	5 days	07/03/2011	02/10/2010
Module I	110 days	21/03/2011	04/03/2011
Exam Module I	10 days	04/04/2011	18/03/2011
Recess period	10 days	05/09/2011	01/04/2011
Module II	110 days	19/09/2011	02/09/2011
Exam Module II	10 days	03/10/2011	16/09/2011
Recess period	10 days	05/03/2012	30/09/2011
Module III	110 days	19/03/2012	02/03/2012
Exam Module III	10 days	02/04/2012	16/03/2012
Recess period	10 days	03/09/2012	30/03/2012
Module IV	110 days	17/09/2012	31/08/2012
Exam Module IV	10 days	01/10/2012	14/09/2012
Recess period	10 days	04/03/2013	28/09/2012
Module V	110 days	18/03/2013	01/03/2013
Exam Module V	10 days	01/04/2013	15/03/2013
Recess period	10 days	19/04/2013	29/03/2013
ISPO Certification Exam	14 days	01/04/2013	18/04/2013
Graduation	4 days	19/04/2013	24/04/2013

On September 16th, 2010, Mercy Corps hosted a meeting with the 30 selected P&O technicians in order to orient them with the selection process and preparation steps for beginning the Course. During the meeting, USAID had the opportunity to talk to the technicians and emphasize the importance of this activity. The technicians had the opportunity to ask questions related to training and the new norms and regulations.

Logistics

On the 20th of September, Mercy Corps met with SENA officers in order to finalize important logistical and political issues prior to the start of the training. Among important matters discussed were the following:

1. **Logistics:** SENA will ensure the availability of its facilities during the introductory seminar, as well as for all the in-person courses and examinations. Mercy Corps will ensure that all required information related to the activities will be made available to SENA at least one month prior to each course.
2. **Materials:** Mercy Corps will ensure the availability of training materials as required by UDB. SENA will ensure that proper tools and equipment will be available at each course.
3. **Certification:** While primary certification will be issued by the UDB, SENA will certify the acquired skills of all students who successfully finish the course. SENA will provide the appropriate arrangements for the registration of students, facilities and will support their participation. Mercy Corps will be in charge of all the relevant documentation and will monitor student registration and use of the facilities and the course.

Introductory Seminar

As per UDB's request, the cohort was divided into two sub-groups made up of 15 students each. The first group started the three-day introductory seminar on the 27th of September at the SENA P&O School. The training, implemented and facilitated by UDB instructors covered the following content:

- ✓ Introduction of group members, instructors and support staff for the training
- ✓ Introduction of the Universidad Don Bosco and the Rehabilitation Sciences School
- ✓ Career presentation and explanation of methodology and resources
- ✓ Explanation of course objectives: Module I – Lower extremities prosthetics
- ✓ Introduction to clinical evaluation
- ✓ Exercise – Clinical evaluation
- ✓ Introduction to practice: Trans-tibial and Trans-femoral prosthetics biomechanics
- ✓ Exercise: Measurements and casts

The second group, also comprised of 15 students, started its introductory seminar on the 30th of September, 2010, with identical content. For both groups, USAID supported students in terms of transportation, food and accommodations arrangements in Bogotá.

It is important to highlight that in addition to the introduction seminar; the participants had an opportunity to share their recent professional experiences and their points of view regarding P&O norms and regulations. Additionally, Mercy Corps designed a monitoring mechanism for each student. Together with UDB teachers, Mercy Corps identified those participants who will require close follow-up.



Photo 3. Measurements and cast practice. P&O training, September 2010



Photo 4. Measurement explanation. P&O training, September 2010.

Activity 1.3.2. *Support the SENA program “P&O Technology” through the training of three (3) ISPO certified technicians (one Cat II and two Cat I).*

Three students successfully finished their study cycle for 2010 with good academic performance. Mercy Corps has continued to monitor their needs, progress and academic performance through periodic personal communication and frequent contact with university staff.

Coursework for the academic period was completed in October 2010. Grades have not yet been made available by the University. Once they are available, they will be reported to USAID in the next quarterly report.

Objective 2 Landmine survivors and their families in the departments of Antioquia, Caquetá, Cauca, Meta, Nariño and Norte de Santander have socio-economic integration alternatives according to their community context and capacities by the end of the Program (September 2011).

Result 2.2. 130 landmine survivors and their families access income generation initiatives that improve their quality of life.

Activity 2.2.1. *To promote the access of 130 landmine survivors and their families to income generation initiatives.*

In order to optimize the impact of Socio-Economic Integration activities according to lessons learned during the evaluation of similar initiatives with landmine survivors, Mercy Corps developed an integrated beneficiary evaluation that covers the following elements:

Functional evaluation: This evaluation is done with each beneficiary to establish their current health status, as well as to design their rehabilitation and recuperation plan. This evaluation includes a complete exam by specialists in the following areas:

- ✓ Physiology
- ✓ Orthopedics

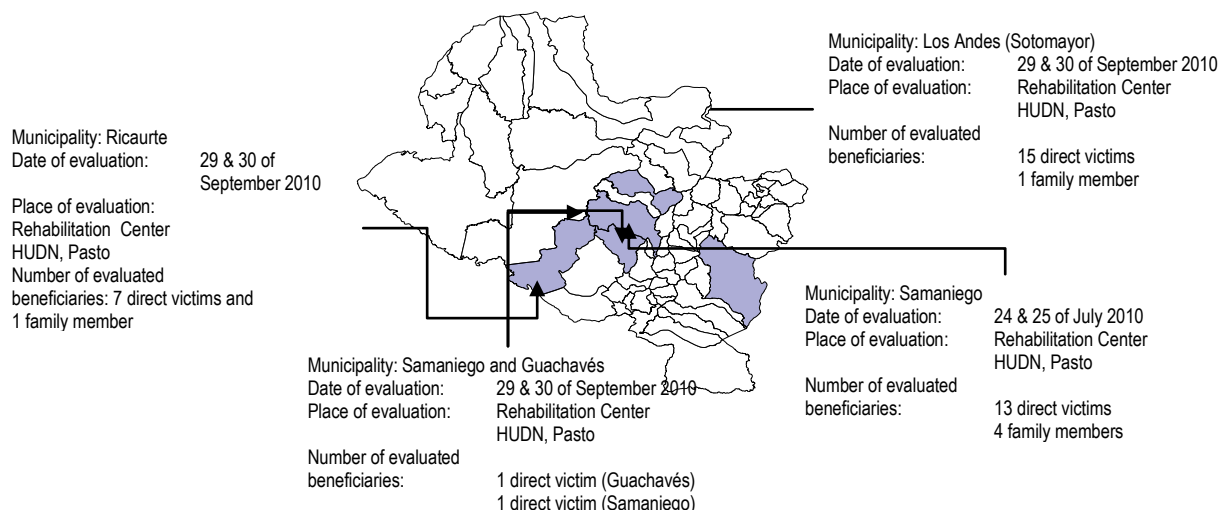
- ✓ Physiotherapy
- ✓ Speech Therapy
- ✓ Ophthalmology
- ✓ Optometry
- ✓ Nutrition

Occupational evaluation: This evaluation aims to establish the working and occupational capacity of each beneficiary, to determine their needs and potential in relation to income generation. This evaluation includes a complete exam by specialists in the following areas:

- ✓ Occupational Therapy
- ✓ Psychology
- ✓ Social Work
- ✓ Orthotics and Prosthetics

Mercy Corps and partner CCCM led the evaluations of 51 survivors from Nariño and Cauca. Beneficiaries from Antioquia, Caquetá and Meta will be evaluated during the next quarter.

Nariño



Map 3. Beneficiaries with Functional and Occupational Evaluations. July – September 2010

Two follow-up evaluation sessions were held in the department of Nariño. On July 24 and 25, thirteen beneficiaries from the municipality of Samaniego were evaluated at the Hospital Universitario de Nariño. Thanks to coordination efforts led by Mercy Corps and the CCCM with the Departmental Coffee Growers Committee², accommodations, meals and transportation from Samaniego to Pasto were provided.

For all medical appointments for landmine and other patients, Mercy Corps and CCCM coordinated with the Hospital Universitario Departamental de Nariño. The Hospital has created a system that allowed patient evaluations to be cost-free for program beneficiaries. These costs will be covered by insurance providers³.

A second session took place September 29-30, 2010. Twenty-four patients were successfully evaluated. Support was provided by UNICEF for transportation, meals and accommodation for 20 of these beneficiaries.

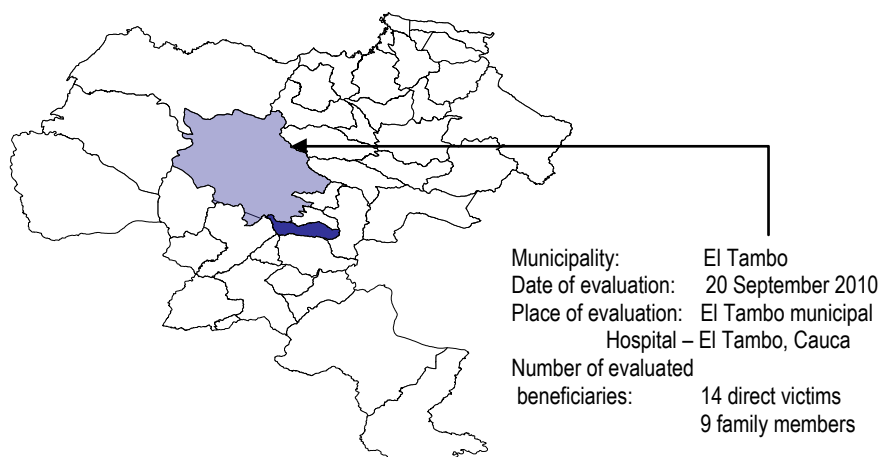
² This institution is the departmental branch of the Colombian Coffee Growers Federation.

³ Every Colombian citizen must be registered with the Social Security System. This means that a relevant insurance companies must pay for all health expenses. Moreover, when health conditions are caused by armed conflict or violence, all expenses must be charged to the Warrantees and Solidarity Fund – FOSYGA, as established by law.

Following is the list of beneficiaries of Socio-Economic Integration activities in Nariño according to evaluation date:

Municipality	Date of evaluation
Los Andes Sotomayor	29 - 30 September 2010
Los Andes Sotomayor	29 - 30 September 2010
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Los Andes Sotomayor	29 - 30 September 2010
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Ricaurte	29 - 30 September 2010
Ricaurte	29 - 30 September 2010
Ricaurte	29 - 30 September 2010
Santacruz	29 - 30 September 2010
Samaniego	29 - 30 September 2010
Samaniego	Pending
Samaniego	Pending
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Cauca



Map 4. Beneficiaries with Functional and Occupational Evaluations. July – September 2010.

In the department of Cauca, 14 beneficiaries from El Tambo were evaluated at the Municipal Hospital. Mercy Corps and CCCM coordinated this activity with the Cauca Health Secretariat, Center for the Regulation of Emergencies (CRUE), Colombian Red Cross, El Tambo Hospital and Mayor's Office. In August 2010, Mercy Corps and the CCCM teams met with the director of the Popayán Municipal Hospital, the Cauca Red Cross, the Health Secretary, CRUE director and the Governor's Office Mine Action Officer. These coordination efforts resulted in new time commitments and services from the following professionals to landmine survivors:

PROFESSIONALS	INSTITUTION
General Physician (1)	El Tambo Municipal Hospital
Physiotherapists (2)	Popayán Municipal Hospital
Speech Therapist (1)	Popayán Municipal Hospital
Social Workers (2)	Colombian Institute of Welfare - Cauca
Psychologists (2)	Colombian Institute of Welfare – Cauca
Nutritionists (2)	Colombian Institute of Welfare – Cauca
Chief Nurses (2)	CRUE
Pre-hospital care and logistics (2)	CRUE

Additionally, two professionals (one Occupational Therapist and one Optometrist) donated their time and charged reduced fees for their services, which allowed facilitated comprehensive patient evaluations. Unfortunately, there were no physiatrists working in the region, so these services were not available.

During the three evaluation sessions (two in Nariño and one in Cauca), Mercy Corps and the CCCM trained all participants in their rights to access health services, including P&O and mobility aid device acquisition and replacements, as well as the benefits of the program's Socio-Economic Integration component.

Following is the list of beneficiaries in Socio-Economic Integration activities in El Tambo, Cauca by date:

Municipality	Date of Evaluation
El Tambo	20 August 2010
El Tambo	20 August 2010
El Tambo	20 August 2010
El Tambo	20 August 2010

El Tambo	20 August 2010
El Tambo	20 August 2010
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Financial support to productive activities

Thirteen landmine survivors and their families completed their training phases in entrepreneurship and literacy, and received seed capital for the initiation of their income generation initiatives. To formalize and recognize the effort made by survivors and partner organizations, namely SENA, Rehabilitation Center of Norte de Santander and Universidad Francisco José de Paula, Mercy Corps and CCCM organized a ceremony in which USAID, the Governor's Office of Norte de Santander and SENA, among other organizations, participated.

The list of beneficiaries was shared with USAID prior to the disbursement of seed capital, which took place September 23-28, 2010.

Nº	Type of Initiative	Type of Investment	US\$	COP\$
1	Washing machine rental service	New initiative	984,00	1.782.000,00
2	Fruit and Juice shop	Strengthening	1.417,00	2.565.000,00
3	Taylor shop	Strengthening	967,00	1.750.000,00
4	Home appliance repair shop	Strengthening	1.216,00	2.200.000,00
5	Carpentry and cabinet making	New initiative	2.323,00	4.204.900,00
6	Fish commercialization	Strengthening	608,00	1.100.000,00
7	Juice and fruit shop	New initiative	1.216,00	1.548.000,00
8	Jewelry shop	Strengthening	1.216,00	2.200.000,00
9	Restaurant	Strengthening	752,00	1.360.780,00
10	Fish commercialization	Strengthening	1.216,00	2.200.000,00
11	Restaurant	New initiative	972,00	3.604.741,00
12	Washing machine rental service	New initiative	995,00	1.800.000,00
13	Design and decoration shop	New initiative	619,00	1.120.400,00

Photo 5 & 6. (left) Mercy Corps' Country director hands an entrepreneurship training certificate to one of the program beneficiaries in Cúcuta, Norte de Santander. (right). Beneficiaries show their literacy and entrepreneurship certificates.



4. Monitoring and Evaluation

Documentation of indicators and activities

The M&E Coordinator visited the CCCM field Coordinators and partner organizations to properly document and archive relevant information regarding indicators and program activities. In support of this effort, the Mercy Corps' team visited the Hospital Universitario Departamental de Nariño, Hospital María Inmaculada of Florencia, and CCCM field Coordinators in Caquetá, Cauca, Meta and Nariño.

Health and rehabilitation

In order to guarantee the adequate and optimal usage of the educational services provided by UDB, the M&E Coordinator designed and facilitated a monitoring strategy with the 30 P&O technicians. The strategy included:

- Provision of E-mail and Skype user accounts and training on their use to 30 technicians.
- Holding periodic Skype conference calls in three groups of 10 technicians.
- Evaluation of technical abilities and knowledge required for each P&O technician.
- Identification of technological needs and strengths of P&O technicians to participate in the Introductory Seminar.
- Monitoring visits to 10 P&O labs in the cities of Popayán, Cúcuta, Florencia, Villavicencio y Pasto.